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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

**Response to Restriction/Election (BONAFIDE ATTEMPT)**

Applicant's facsimile response (paper No. 6, dated April 5) to the Restriction/Election Requirement (paper No. 5 dated February 20, 2002) electing Group I and the following species:  
A) "metal binding ligand" (as a recognition moiety);  
B) "inorganic ion" (as an analyte); and  
C) "ionic" (as an type of interaction), is hereby acknowledged.

Applicant's election of: "metal binding ligand" (as a recognition moiety) AND "inorganic ion" (as an analyte) is not deemed fully responsive to the election of species requirement since it fails to recite the election of a SINGLE DISCLOSED SPECIES (e.g. a specific compound or class of compounds ...) as required (e.g. see Restriction/Election at pages 3-4, especially page 4, first full paragraph). A proper election is required for purposes of facilitating search and expediting prosecution. In this regard, it is noted that both the specification (e.g. pages 30, 37-42, 48-50) and the Examples (e.g. Example 4) exemplify single disclosed species from which applicant may elect.

Applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mailing date of this communication within which to comply. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Direct the reply to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the reply.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Celsa whose telephone number is (703) 305-7556. If the examiner cannot be reached, inquiries can be directed to Supervisory Patent Examiner Andrew Wang whose telephone number is (703) 306-3217. Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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December 10, 2002

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